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Examiner : Richard L. Chiesa
Docket No. : 708493.4011

REMARKS

In the office action dated April 1, 2004, the examiner objected to the specification and issued a restriction requirement on the basis of the application containing "claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: (A) Figures 1-3, and (B) Figures 4-6.

Objections to the Specification

Applicant has amended paragraphs [0001] and [0013] to address the examiner's objections thereto. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Restriction Requirement

Applicant elects species (A) Figures 1-3 and submits that claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-13, 15-20, 22, and 24-26 read on species (A). In view of the foregoing election, Applicant withdraws claims 7, 10, 14, 21, 23 and 27 from consideration at this time. Should generic claims 1 and 15 be found allowable, Applicant will request claims 7, 10, 14, 21, 23 and 27 reconsidered.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully asserts the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action on the merits of the claims is earnestly solicited. Should


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the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned can be reached at
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